

IPAC & INVDRS Meeting Minutes (Quarter 1, 2022)

February 4, 2022 (10am-11am)

Round Robin Introductions

Participant count: 32

Presenters

- **Morgan Sprecher** (IDOH, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention – INVDRS Epidemiologist)
- **Emma Heltzel** (IDOH, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention – Injury Prevention Epidemiologist)
- **Tracy Mehan** (Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH – Director of Research Translation and Communication)

Introductions in Starleaf chat

- **John O’Boyle** (IDOH, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention – Records Coordinator)
- **Caryn Burton** (Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence – Training Coordinator and Coordinator of Harm Reduction Programs)
- **Mark Rohlfing** (Community Hospital Anderson, Level III Trauma Program – Trauma Program Manager)
- **Vinootna (Vin) Kakarla** (IDOH, Office of Women’s Health – Violence Prevention Program Director)
- **Christy Claborn** (Franciscan Health Indianapolis – Trauma Program Manager)
- **Melissa Arvin** (Indiana Supreme Court – Family Violence Resource Attorney)
- **Amber Welsh** (Behavioral Health Collaborative – Program Manager in Community Health)
- **Colleen Groves** (Ascension St. Vincent, Indianapolis – Injury Prevention, Education, and Outreach Coordinator)
- **Kristin Combs** (IDOH, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention – Records Coordinator)
- **Blakney Brooks** (Eskenazi Health – Injury Prevention Coordinator)
- **Lori Baldwin** (Ascension St. Vincent/Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital – Outreach and Injury Prevention for Burn and Pediatric Trauma Services)
- **Wendy Waldman** (Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana – Brain Injury Continuum Outreach Manager; Brain Injury Association of Indiana – President)
- **Colleen Groves** (Ascension St. Vincent)

IDOH Updates

- Division Vacancies
- Division Staff Updates

Upcoming Events

March is National Brain Injury Awareness Month!

Wendy Waldman of Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana and Brain Injury Association of Indiana shared the work she does with these organizations and some of the resources they offer.

- Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana: She works on building individual capacity and professionals to better serve their patient body.
- Brain Injury Association of Indiana: As President, she manages this nonprofit and shared their outreach strategies and events.
 - o Outreach channels:
 - Twitter
 - Newsletter: Indiana Brain Beat
 - o Upcoming events
 - Use Your Noggin Virtual Trivia (later in March)
 - Brain Injury Awareness Day in Washington DC (Wed, 3/16)
 - Will feature live events where people can attend
 - Theme for 2022: Advocacy
 - o Resources for people with long COVID
 - Franciscan/IU health
 - Cognitive therapy
 - Neuropsychological testing
 - Psychological counseling
 - Occupational therapy
 - Physiatry – physical medicine + rehabilitation
 - Pulmonology

[Intentional Injury Data Presentation – Looking at the Needs of Indiana from Data](#)

Presented by: Morgan Sprecher (IDOH - Indiana Violent Death Reporting System Epidemiologist)

Morgan highlighted the trends in INVDRS data since 2016, focusing on demographic, toxicology, and circumstance data for suicides, homicides, and unintentional poisonings.

[Unintentional Injury Data Presentation: Looking at the Needs of Indiana from Data](#)

Presented by: Emma Heltzel (IDOH - Injury Prevention Epidemiologist)

Emma gave an overview of how unintentional injury data is analyzed, and how it drives interventions. There is particular focus on motor vehicle accidents, older adult falls, and traumatic brain injuries due to their marked impact on Hoosiers. Data from these types of injuries are used to inform interventions such as Stepping On, child passenger safety clinics, and partnerships.

Comments from audience:

- Wendy Waldman
 - o Ratio of TBI incidence in males to females is 2:1
 - Males participate in riskier behaviors
 - o Note that TBI statistics only capture those that have been diagnosed and recorded

- This means there is potential underreporting of traumatic brain injuries for those who have experienced domestic violence, child physical abuse, and concussions
- People may not know that they have sustained a brain injury and that they should report the incident. May be reluctant to undergo treatment.
- Addressing this underreporting is a project that Wendy is working on

Nationwide Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Programs

Presented by: Tracy Mehan (Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital – Director of Research Translation and Communication)

Tracy outlined the strategies Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital uses to communicate injury prevention research to the public. Tactics include using media strategies, providing training opportunities to medical students and local health departments, using blog posts and apps to publicize research, and distributing messaging toolkits. She also uplifted opportunities to network with other injury prevention professionals.

Discussion Questions

- What do we, in Indiana, do well when it comes to today's topics?
- How can/where can we improve this?

- Emma Heltzel: There is potential for IDOH to utilize more of these messaging strategies on social media platforms, like Twitter

Next Meeting:

Quarter 2: May 6, 2022